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Meeting Agenda for March 16, 2004

Dear Examiner Capron,
for our interview scheduled for March 16, 2004 at 3:30 p., the following agenda is proposed.

I. Describe/Discuss gaming hardware including two gaming machine CPU boards brought for meeting. In particular, describe how gaming software is stored, loaded and updated in a casino type gaming machine.

II. Discuss Vuong and Olsen references. In particular, in the locations cited by the Examiner, Olsen seems to be describing methods of sharing common application data. This data allows game states on multiple computers to be synchronized. The present invention describes downloading software from a first gaming machine to a second gaming machine where the software is executed by the second gaming machine to generate a game. The shared data in Olsen is not executed to generate a game. In Olsen, an existing software program already being executed utilizes the shared data to synchronize its state with one or more other computers.

III. Discuss potential clarifying amendments. In particular, how does the Examiner define the term "game software?" Does the Examiner see a distinction between data used by a software program and the software program?

Sincerely,

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